

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
THURSDAY, AUGUST 5, 1999 - 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL II

CURRENT SITUATION:

Fire activity increased significantly in the Western Great Basin Area, requiring the mobilization of 5 Type II Incident Management Teams and an Area Command Team. Initial attack activity remains steady in the Northern Rockies and Northwest Areas. New large fires were also reported in the Northern Rockies, Northwest and Eastern Areas. Good progress was made on several large fires in the Northwest and Northern Rockies. Resource mobilization through the National Interagency Coordination Center remains high. High to extreme fire indices were reported in Oregon, Washington, California, Montana, Idaho, North Dakota, Utah, Nevada, South Dakota, Wyoming, Delaware, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Maryland, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Oklahoma.

WESTERN GREAT BASIN LARGE FIRES:

TAFT CREEK, Ely Field Office, BLM. The fire is north of Spring Valley, Nevada. Initial attack was successful, with estimated control today. The fire exhibited light to moderate rate of spread.

DUN GLENN COMPLEX, Winnemucca Field Office, BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (Vorce) is assigned. The complex includes 17 fires. Structure Protection will be the top priority today, as structures in the area continue to be threatened. Extreme fire behavior was observed last night.

JUNGO COMPLEX, Winnemucca Field Office, BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (Suwyn) is assigned. No additional information was reported.

BATTLE MOUNTAIN COMPLEX, Battle Mountain field Office, BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (Burdick) is assigned. This complex in the vicinity of Battle Mountain consists of 13 fires. Structure protection will be a top priority today. Extreme fire behavior is currently threatening structures.

BISPO, Elko Field Office, BLM. This fire is twenty miles south of Carlin, NV. The fire is burning in pinyon pine and juniper. Suppression efforts will be hampered by limited access and steep, rough terrain. Current threats are to private, structures, grazing allotments and wildlife range.

BACCHUS, Elko Field Office, BLM. This fire is north of Boulder Flats, NV. The fire is burning in grass and heavy sage brush. Two drill rigs are currently threatened. Gusty, thunderstorm winds and strong down drafts are posing challenges to assigned personnel.

WILCOX, Carson City Field Office, BLM. The fire is on Pond Peak northeast of Sparks, Nevada. The fire made significant runs yesterday. Control problems include poor road access, intense fire behavior and spotting.

JIGGS, Elko Field Office, BLM. This fire is near Jiggs, NV. The fire is burning in sage, cheatgrass and a hay meadow. Unpredictable fire behavior due to shifting winds caused the closure of Huntington Road. Limited access to marsh bottoms and steep hills are causing control problems. Current threats are to winter livestock grazing areas, four hundred tons of stacked hay, wildlife habitat and structures.

AJAX, Elko Field Office, BLM. This fire is twenty miles north of Carlin, NV. No additional information was received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
TAFT CREEK	NV	ELD	300	60	8/5	36	1	4	1	0	NR	NR
DUN GLENN COMPL	NV	WID	20000	UNK	UNK	240	20	10	NR	0	NR	NR
JUNGO COMPLEX	NV	WID	20000	UNK	UNK	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
BATTLE MTN. COM	NV	BMD	30000	UNK	UNK	NR	NR	16	NR	0	NR	NR
BISPO	NV	EKD	2800	5	UNK	88	4	11	1	0	NR	NR
BACCHUS	NV	EKD	425	15	UNK	3	0	1	0	0	NR	NR
WILCOX	NV	CCD	5000	30	8/8	70	3	0	3	0	NR	150K
AJAX	NV	EKD	1300	UNK	UNK	8	0	0	0	0	NR	NR
JIGGS	NV	EKD	3840	20	UNK	92	3	13	NR	0	NR	NR

NORTHWEST LARGE FIRES:

POTATO HILLS, Burns District, BLM. This fire is forty miles west of Burns, OR. The fire is burning in juniper, sage and inaccessible rocky terrain. High winds from passing thunderstorms are hampering control efforts. Current threats are to power transmission lines and big game winter range. Smoke on US Highway 20 is causing safety concerns.

CRUMP, Lakeview District, BLM. This fire is 25 miles east of Lakeview, OR. The fire is burning in inaccessible terrain. Control problems include strong thunderstorm activity in the area.

LONG HOLLOW SUMMIT, Burns District, BLM. This fire is four miles west of Fields, OR. This lightning caused fire is burning in heavy brush and grass. Control problems include heavy fuel loading and shifting winds. The community of Fields, Or. has been evacuated. The other current threat is to big game winter range.

BALKY FIRE, Okanagan National Forest. No additional information was reported.

LYNCH, Lakeview District, BLM. This fire is fifty-five miles northeast of Lakeview, OR. The fire is burning in inaccessible terrain with gusty winds. No additional information reported.

WILDER CREEK, Burns District, BLM. This fire is near Denio, OR. The fire is burning in grass and sage. Some precipitation was received over the area, assisting in initial attack efforts.

NORTH POLE, Prineville District, BLM. This fire is eight miles southeast

of Kent, Oregon, in Sherman County. No new information was reported.

FRANCIS CANYON, Spokane District, BLM. This fire is eleven miles southeast of Wenatchee, WA. The fire is burning on private, BLM and Department of Natural Resources land.

MUDDY RANCH, Prineville District, BLM. No additional information was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
POTATO HILLS	OR	BUD	200	10	8/6	NR	2	4	1	0	NR	NR
BALKY FIRE	WA	OKF	160	50	8/5	NR	2	7	2	0	NR	NR
CRUMP	OR	LAD	2000	80	8/5	29	1	8	0	0	NR	NR
LONG HOLLOW SUM	OR	BUD	2500	10	8/5	16	2	4	0	0	NR	NR
LYNCH	OR	LAD	1000	0	UNK	NR	0	5	1	0	NR	NR
WILDER CREEK	OR	BUD	1500	50	8/6	NR	0	3	0	0	NR	NR
NORTH POLE	OR	PRD	350	90	8/5	7	0	0	0	0	NR	NR
FRANCIS CANYON	WA	SPD	200	0	8/5	20	1	2	0	0	NR	NR
MUDDY RANCH	OR	PRD	400	50	8/5	NR	0	2	0	0	NR	NR
UNION VALLEY	WA	SES	240	100	----	316	15	5	1	NR	NR	NR
CACHE CREEK	OR	DEF	200	100	----	471	14	19	0	0	NR	906K

SES = Washington State-Southeast.

DEF = Deschutes National Forest.

NORTHERN ROCKIES LARGE FIRES:

BALSAM, Beaverhead/Deerlodge National Forest. This fire is west of Wisdom, Montana. A Type II Incident Management Team (Colla) is assigned. Suppression efforts and favorable weather conditions are reducing the threat of fire entering the Big Hole National Battlefield, adjacent roadless areas, and the Anaconda-Pintlar Wilderness. Heavy fuels, steep slopes, numerous snags and multiple spots are hindering control.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
BALSAM	MT	BDF	130	10	8/7	231	7	3	2	0	NR	188K

EASTERN GREAT BASIN LARGE FIRES:

BUCK'N DOE, Lower Snake District, BLM. These lightning ignited fires are 30 miles south of Glenns Ferry, Idaho. Strong thunderstorm winds have pushed the containment time further out. Spot fires are keeping ground personnel busy. Containment is expected later today.

SOLDIER, Salmon/Challis National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Johnson) is assigned. These lightning ignited fires, thirty miles northwest of Stanley Idaho, are being managed to accomplish resource objectives. The Soldier Lakes area has been closed, due to spot fires. The

Blue Bunch II and Slide fires were controlled yesterday.

MULE BUTTE, Upper Snake River District, Eastern Idaho Area, BLM. This fire is 22 miles northwest of Aberdeen, ID. The fire exhibited extreme rate of spread due to high winds from thunderstorms. The suppression effort focused on indirect fireline construction by dozers ½ to 1 mile ahead of the actively burning fire front. A burnout operation followed the completion of dozer line.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
BUCK'N DOE	ID	BOD	5500	60	8/5	101	2	7	2	0	28K	97K
SOLDIER	ID	SCF	2089	0	UNK	64	1	0	4	0	NR	387K
MULE BUTTE	ID	IFD	92540	0	UNK	73	0	11	0	0	NR	NR

EASTERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
WEST POINT	NY	NYS	500	100	----	45	1	0	3	0	NR	NR

NYS = New York State Forestry.

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

BILL BRANCH, National Forests of Florida. This fire is near Silver Springs, Florida. The fire received a small quantity of rain, but the amount of precipitation wasn't enough to determine control.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
BILL BRANCH	FL	FNF	227	93	UNK	7	0	2	0	0	NR	25

OUTLOOK:

Idaho, Oregon, Washington and the Rockies will continue to experience pushed moisture from a strong high pressure now extending up into Montana.

Isolated to widely scattered thunderstorms will again be the general rule across the west. Eastern Arizona, western New Mexico border and north into Utah and Colorado will have numerous thunderstorms. The Rockies will experience scattered thunderstorms.

Temperatures will change little with morning low clouds and fog continuing

along the west coast. This will keep the maximum afternoon temperatures in the 70's. High temperatures inland will increase to the 90's to around 115 in the lowest valleys and deserts. The mountains will see high temperatures from 65 to the mid 80's.

Minimum relative humidities will be around 10 percent in the inland valleys.

Winds will be light over most of the area with local gusts to 25 mph along the west coast. Winds will be variable and gusty near thunderstorms.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					0		0
NORTHWEST	FIRES	4	7		3	43	28	85
	ACRES	25	4042		2	425	210	4704
CA-NORTH	FIRES		20	1		10	1	32
	ACRES		200	0		33	0	233
CA-SOUTH	FIRES					14	4	18
	ACRES					0	0	0
NORTHERN	FIRES	4	3			43	121	171
	ACRES	10	4			19	309	342
GB-EAST	FIRES		12			1	9	22
	ACRES		89414			0	4	89418
GB-WEST	FIRES	3	48	1			8	60
	ACRES	2	56303	0			25	56330
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	1				1	6	8
	ACRES	1				0	4	5
ROCKY MTN	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		12					12
EASTERN	FIRES				1		2	3
	ACRES				1		1	2
SOUTHERN	FIRES					62	8	70
	ACRES					545	58	603
TOTAL	FIRES	12	91	2	4	175	187	471
	ACRES	38	149975	0	3	1022	611	151649

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES	2	42	30	13	381		468
	ACRES	1	302211	285194	155632	265424		1008462
NORTHWEST	FIRES	162	132	12	13	842	556	1717
	ACRES	2280	9438	3733	4	4875	2840	23170
CA-NORTH	FIRES	106	33	7	18	1950	431	2545
	ACRES	91	9153	33	118	8834	2748	20977

CA-SOUTH	FIRES	51	121	7	29	2080	559	2847
	ACRES	951	1281	11	13947	27409	12398	55997
NORTHERN	FIRE	451	43	12	6	474	723	1709
	ACRES	4610	2698	125	2	33530	5323	46288
GB-EAST	FIRES	32	471		15	186	301	1005
	ACRES	1661	269422		17	36847	22668	330615
GB-WEST	FIRES	25	294	2	5	53	108	487
	ACRES	749	309494	116	3	20555	960	331877
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	875	110	9	35	725	1309	3063
	ACRES	14248	24352	225	372	67924	11367	118488
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	422	320	30	37	885	192	1886
	ACRES	8557	12305	703	24	48313	1948	71850
EASTERN	FIRES	513			77	13482	291	14363
	ACRES	2947			809	88433	4196	96385
SOUTHERN	FIRES	35		63	92	29071	841	30102
	ACRES	627		19305	11115	552655	43436	627138
TOTALS	FIRES	2674	1566	172	340	50129	5311	60192
	ACRES	36722	940354	309445	182043	1154799	107884	2731247
TEN YEAR AVERAGE FIRES								51725
TEN YEAR AVERAGE ACRES								1946063

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
CA-NORTH	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
CA-SOUTH	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHERNRO	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
GB-EAST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
GB-WEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHWEST	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						75	75
ROCKY MTN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
EASTERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						30	30
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	105	105

WILDLAND FIRE USE (WFU) FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
CA-NORTH	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
CA-SOUTH	FIRES				0			0
	ACRES				2			2
NORTHERN	FIRES						9	9
	ACRES						20	20
GB-EAST	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						60	60
GB-WEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHWEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
ROCKY MTN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
EASTERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
USA TOTALS	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	9	9
	ACRES	0	0	0	2	0	80	82

Fires and acres reported to the National Interagency Coordination Center are for operational use. Official totals may be obtained by contacting the Agencies directly.

CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

Provinces	Fires Last Week	Hectares Last Week	Fires Year-to-date	Hectares Year-to-date
BRITISH COLUMBIA	101	1013	590	5995
YUKON TERRITORY	0	227	100	159863
ALBERTA	4	0	748	115812
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	1	6047	114	173466
SASKATCHEWAN	2	109	564	123782
MANITOBA	2	1	479	92604
ONTARIO	9	2	751	306550
QUEBEC	3	0	747	95242
NEWFOUNDLAND	0	0	199	43485
NEW BRUNSWICK	3	0	531	1254
NOVA SCOTIA	2	0	376	1666
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	25	57
NATIONAL PARKS	0	0	28	65329
TOTALS	127	7399	5252	1185105

RESOURCE STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES

Area	Crews Fed	Crews ST/OT	Engs Fed	Engs ST/OT	Heli Fed	Heli ST/OT	Airt Fed	Airt ST/OT	Ovrhd Fed	Ovrhd ST/OT
ALASKA										
NORTHWEST	31	25	119	23	13	2			163	196
CA-NORTH	7	5	28	1	4		5	4	19	17
CA-SOUTH	13	9	20		6		1		9	1
NORTHERN	41		71	25	18	5			174	77
GB-EAST	6	2	77	3	17				53	3
GB-WEST	10	6	30	19	9	1			3	8
SOUTHWEST	1		1							2
ROCKY MTN	3		2		3					
EASTERN		2		1		4			15	13
SOUTHERN		1	1	1					5	12
TOTAL	112	50	349	73	70	12	6	4	441	329

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